



STATE ROUTE 4 BYPASS AUTHORITY

PRESS RELEASE:

The State Route 4 Bypass Project, a long anticipated highway by East County commuters as well as residents, is one step closer to completion. A groundbreaking ceremony will be held to celebrate the start of construction of the third major phase of the State Route 4 Bypass Project (Segment 3). Completion of this phase (estimated construction cost of \$42.4 million), will result in the completion of a continuous new route that bypasses the downtown areas of Brentwood and Oakley. Segment 3, the longest phase of the project at 6.5 miles in length, will begin construction in November with completion anticipated in mid 2008. This project also includes a direct connection from the SR4 Bypass to Vasco Road.

Segment 3 of the SR 4 Bypass is located in Brentwood. It begins at Balfour Road and extends southerly approximately 2.4 miles to Marsh Creek Road and then connects back to existing Rte 4 via an improved Marsh Creek Road, approximately 4 miles. In addition, Vasco Road will be extended from Walnut Blvd. in a northeast direction to connect directly with the SR Bypass at Marsh Creek Road. De Silva Gates Construction will be the general contractor for Segment 3. The estimated construction cost for Segment 3 is \$42.4 M.

Segment 1 of the State Route 4 Bypass has been under construction since June of 2004 and is expected to be completed in late 2007/early 2008. Segment 1 is located in Antioch, just east of Hillcrest Avenue on Highway 4 to the existing State Route 4 Bypass (Segment 2) at Lone Tree Way in Antioch. This portion of the project will include a new Laurel Road Interchange, which will facilitate a future connection between the cities of Antioch and Oakley and the State Route 4 Bypass. A joint venture of De Silva Gates / FCI is the general contractor for this \$70M project.

Segment 2 (Phase 1) of the State Route 4 Bypass, which connects Lone Tree Way in Antioch to Balfour Road, was open to traffic in April 2002. Phase 2 (conversion from expressway to freeway) is currently in the planning and design phases.

The State Route 4 Bypass project, when complete, is planned to become the new State Route 4 thru Antioch and Brentwood and will remove traffic, including trucks, outside the downtown areas of Oakley and Brentwood. The State Route 4 Bypass project has been around in concept for many years and work formally started in 1990 with a partnership between the State Route 4 Bypass Authority and Caltrans. The SR4 Bypass Authority is a Joint Exercise of Powers Agency (JEPA), which includes the cities of Antioch, Brentwood, and Oakley and Contra Costa County. The project is funded by developer fees collected on all new development within the cities, as well as the unincorporated areas, in eastern Contra Costa County.

The groundbreaking ceremony for Segment 3 will be held Friday, November 3rd at 10:00 AM at 2400 Balfour Road, in the east parking lot of the John Muir Medical Center (intersection of Balfour Road and Segment 2 of the SR4 Bypass). There will be several

speakers at the ceremony with refreshments provided. The entire community is invited to attend.